IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Marc Richelsoph, et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop Divisional Application P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above application prior to consideration of the application on its merits, consistent with the instructions found attached hereto: